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Lieutenant Chris Gentry is back at work this week after being gone for the past 15 months on a military deployment. This deployment included **12 months in Afghanistan**. This was the second deployment for Chris as he did a tour in Iraq a few years ago. Thank you Chris for your service to our country. If you have the opportunity, please stop by and welcome Chris back. His office is located in **Professional Standards at Police Headquarters**.

Also we want to thank **Tom Marsh from our Building and Neighborhood Services Department**. Tom serves in a unit that supports the **Navy Casualty Assistance Division** and assists grieving Navy families during periods of crisis. After a Navy Helicopter was shot down August 5th in Afghanistan, killing 30 military personnel on board, 22 of which were Navy, Tom was called upon to support 24 hour casualty response operations with little warning. He had to leave his family and his job here at the City to assist the Navy with this daunting task. We received a letter thanking the City for being flexible and allowing Tom to respond within a moment's notice from **Captain U.S. Navy M.M. Bell and Rear Admiral Herb**. In the letter the two salute our "strength, patriotism, and honor and making the mission possible." **Thank you to Tom and his City family for making due while he was called to duty.**

The Street Department is proud to announce: **Stormwater Inspector Curt Hammock** has passed the exam, and received certification as "**Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector**". Curt is one of only five that has this certification in the state of Tennessee, and one of only 64 for the entire southeast region

The Planning and Sustainability Department is giving **Larry Mizell** a pat on the back this week after he was chosen as **President-Elect beginning in October for 2011-2012 for the American Society of Landscape Architects for the State of Tennessee**. He will then serve as President October 2012-2013. One of the responsibilities for the President-elect is to plan the meeting for that year in their area. So Larry will be planning the annual meeting for the fall of 2012 here in Franklin. The focus will be beneficial to ASLA members state-wide and also highlight the good things of Franklin development. Larry served on the Executive Committee previously.

Employee flu shot clinics will be **Friday, October 7th from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom** and **Thursday, November 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Training Room**. Flu shots will be available to full-time employees and their spouses, and part-time employees.

It's not too late to sign up for the **AED unit and CPR training course offered by Franklin Fire Department's Sarah Glen and Facilities Maintenance Brad Wilson**. There should be AED units located around the city in different offices. Most offices currently have one within their grasp or nearby at a central station. **The remaining training dates are set up for October 5, November**

16, and December 7 at 1:00 in the City Hall training room. We feel that as many that want to attend should but at least three to five from each department should attend. The site can be reached by holding the "CTRL" button and clicking on <http://inside/administration/training/default.aspx> go to the column on the left and click on UPCOMING COURSES and go the calendar month and date that best suits yourself. The class will be open to 20 attendees per date and if the courses fill up we will look to add more.

Who wants to play **United Way Kickball?** It's time to start getting your teams ready for the September 30th event at **Fieldstone Park Ball fields from 9am to 1pm.** See your department manager or United Way representative about setting up a team. We have opened it up to nearby localities to play. Also set as another fund raiser is a 5K at The Park at Harlinsdale on November 12. More details on both to come soon.

Planning's Brenda Woods is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! Amanda Hall, from Planning and Sustainability nominated Brenda. Amanda said, *"Brenda is the foundation of the Department of Planning & Sustainability. She always maintains herself in a professional manner, treats both staff and customers with the utmost level of courtesy, and assists our staff with a multitude of tasks. Brenda is a gracious and a delightful person with which to work!"* Brenda will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, September 19-23. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at agoodjob@franklintn.gov .**



Have a good weekend; if you get a chance go to the **Celebration of Nations**, sponsored by **Sister Cities of Franklin and Williamson County**. It's this **Saturday from 4-9pm on the O'More College of Design Campus**. More than 20 musical and dance performances from different cultures will be featured. There will be plenty to see, eat and learn at this 4th annual festival. See more at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/CelebrationofNations>

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